Bristol Township School District

# 6401 Mill Creek Road

# Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Bristol Township School District is keenly aware of the many adolescent pressures that your child may experience in school and within his/her community. One of these pressures is bullying which is defined as *unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.* <http://www.stopbullying.gov/index.html>

# To help you learn more about bullying and raise awareness that October is National Bullying Prevention Month, the Bristol Township School District has partnered with NOVA (Network of Victim Assistance) <http://www.novabucks.org/> to present a Bullying Prevention Education Program for all parents and guardians of Bristol Township School District.

This most worthy programwill provide you with examples of the four different types of bullying including physical, verbal, emotional, and cyber. Equally important, you will learn strategies to help your child know how to identify and respond to bullying whether they are directly affected or how to appropriately intervene by becoming an *upstander*. On the reverse side of this letter, NOVA has prepared an overview of the **Bullying Prevention Education Program** to be presented to you. They have also prepared additional handouts which include ***Bullying Prevention - Tips for Parents and Guardians*** and ***CyberSmart A Guide for Parents and Guardians*** that will be available at the program.

Please plan to join us for this informative program on **Wednesday, October 23, 2013,** at the **Bristol Township School District Administrative Offices - Auditorium** located at 6401 Mill Creek Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057 from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Guidance Department of Neil A. Armstrong Middle School by calling 215-945-2570. Mrs. Barbara Brescia-Pitts, Seventh Grade School Counselor, or Miss Karla Jones, Eighth Grade School Counselor will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent overview.